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Conversation with [REDACTED] Regarding Titanium

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1. For your information, [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] again today and asked him to come up to the hill for a further discussion on titanium. It appears that [REDACTED] has written another letter on the subject to CIA. You will recall that our last letter to [REDACTED] was on or about August 1.

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2. Our letter of August 1 advised [REDACTED] that the Soviets had recently switched from graphite to copper crucibles. [REDACTED] letter expressed surprise that the Soviets had delayed so long in making this switch, since US use of the copper crucible was well known. The [REDACTED] letter went on to say that the US military had been experimenting with titanium for some time, and asked what the USSR was doing. The letter further stated that during the war the Germans conducted titanium research at the Bitterfeld plant in East Germany and that the Russians had taken this research facility over. The letter asked for comments. Finally, the letter pointed out that [REDACTED] formerly engaged in titanium research at the [REDACTED] had [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] is now doing some research to supply [REDACTED] with additional information by tomorrow. [REDACTED]

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then plans to draft a reply.

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